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Jefferson Street Sidewalk Project Underway



On site for the October 2011 ground breaking of the Jefferson Street sidewalk project are Sidewalk Committee members Bill Kavanaugh, Alonzo Moore, and David Hynes. The project will extend sidewalks along the west side of Jefferson Street from Main Street to Newburgh Community Park and north to the Jefferson Park subdivision. The expected completion date is the end of November.

The Safe Routes to School sidewalk project along W. Jennings Street from Washington to Monroe and north on State Street to Sharon Place is expected to be under construction late spring 2012. The Town received federal grant monies for the construction of this project.

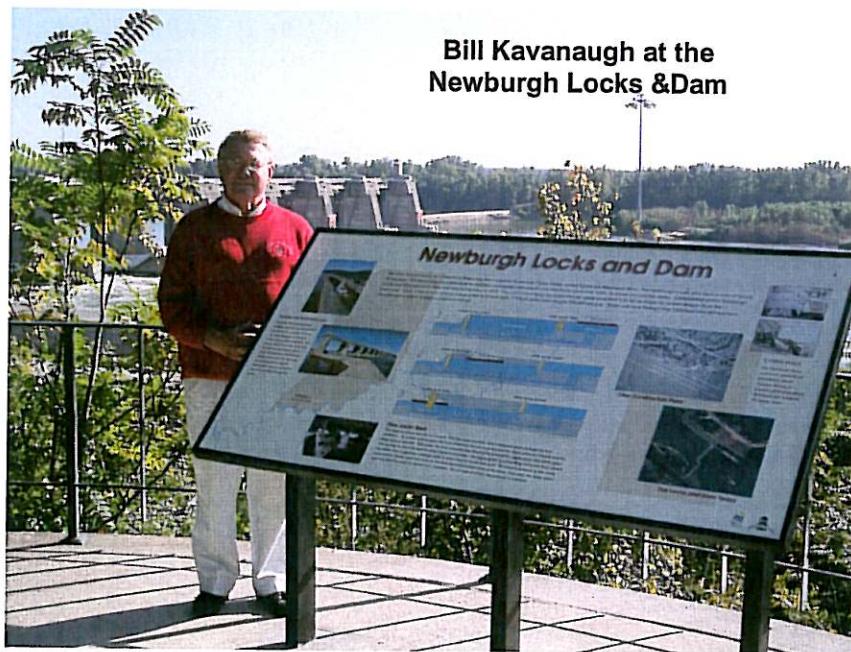
William F. Kavanaugh, Sidewalk Committee Chair

Town Awarded Safety Grant to Meet Federal Sign Standards

In order to meet new federal standards for sign retroreflectivity, the Town applied for and received federal Hazard Elimination and Safety grant money to complete a blanket replacement of all regulatory, warning, and street name signs. The Town last replaced all the regulatory and warning signs in a blanket replacement program in August of 1995 with similar grant funding. The life expectancy of sign material and retroreflectivity is between 12–15 years. In 2007, deadlines were set to implement the minimum levels of retroreflectivity that were established in the Manual on Uniform Traffic Control Devices (MUTCD). These new standards were adopted to ensure that signs meet minimum levels of retroreflectivity so that nighttime drivers can see, understand, and safely respond to roadway signs. In addition to the retroreflectivity requirements, switching from “all caps” to “mixed case” fonts is a requirement. By the end of 2012, all replacement signs will be installed, well ahead of the federally mandated deadline.

Alonzo B. Moore, Street Commissioner

Progress Continues on the Rivertown Trail



Bill Kavanaugh at the
Newburgh Locks & Dam

In early fall, two interpretative signs were placed along Phase II of the Rivertown Trail – one at Overlook Park with the Newburgh Locks & Dam as a backdrop and the other at the old entry pillars to Indian Hill. These signs offer historic information about Indian Hill and the Schmidt family and historic and operational information about the Locks & Dam system. These interpretative signs were funded as a part of the Alcoa Foundation grant awarded to the Town in 2011.

Necessary repairs to the Rivertown Trail caused by damage from the spring flooding and high river events are underway and should be completed in late November. With financial assistance from the Federal Highway Administration, the Town is able to repair the damaged area as well as complete mitigation measures to prevent future recurring damage or catastrophic failure.

A request for proposals for engineering services will soon be posted on INDOT's website for Phase IIIA of the trail which will extend west from the B. Gene Aurand Trailhead approximately .78 miles to N. Pollack and old SR 662. With this additional stretch, the Newburgh Rivertown Trail will provide nearly 3.5 miles of pedestrian and bicycle access in our community.



The 2nd Annual Rivertown Trail 5K event is set for 9:00 a.m. on Saturday, May 12, 2012. The committee is already in the planning stages for next year's event. Over 300 walkers and runners participated in 2011 despite pouring rain. All proceeds from the event are used for the ongoing upkeep and maintenance of the Rivertown Trail.

*William F. Kavanaugh, Rivertown Trail
Tonya R. McGuire, Park Commissioner*

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Town to Utilize Innovative De-Icing Technology

During the winter storm season, keeping roads passable and safe is a top priority. The Town crew works diligently each winter to clear the roadways and apply salt and sand for safe passage. This season, the Town will utilize an innovative premium de-icing salt product "Thawrox." Thawrox contains rock salt, magnesium chloride, and an agricultural based product enhancer. The magnesium chloride allows for faster melting at much lower temperatures than traditional rock salt. The corn based agricultural product keeps the salt from bouncing off the roads or blowing away in windy conditions. The result is fewer application trips, lower fuel and labor costs. Studies show that Thawrox yields a 30% reduction in product needed to de-ice roads. This corn based product is also a natural corrosion inhibitor resulting in less impact on the street fleet.

In addition to the potential cost savings, Thawrox contains agricultural environmentally friendly ingredients. When applied, the product is orange in color but is engineered to dissipate and not negatively impact the environment, equipment, roadways, sidewalks, or other surfaces if it is tracked into buildings.



Photo: Town crews clearing and de-icing the roadways in the 2009 winter ice storm.

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As an MS4 community (Municipal Separate Storm Sewer System), the Town of Newburgh strives to explore and implement environmentally progressive measures for control of storm water run off that has the potential to impact our waterways.

*Alonzo B. Moore, Street Commissioner
 William F. Kavanaugh, Storm Water*

Newburgh Wastewater Treatment Facility Expansion Project

Open House and Facility Tour
October 27, 2011 at 10:00 a.m.



The two-year Wastewater Treatment Facility plant expansion project is now operational. The project increased the plant average capacity from 4.6 to 7.36 mgd in order to accommodate growth in the Newburgh area. The plant improvements also include a new lab, state of the art electronics, and an eco friendly ultraviolet light disinfection system in lieu of chemicals.

Leanna K. Hughes, Utility Commissioner
William F. Kavanaugh, Utility Committee



Newburgh Metropolitan Police Commission Swears in New Officer



Patrolman Lindsey Bean was sworn in on September 12, 2011 at the Police Commission meeting. Officer Bean was previously a Vanderburgh County Corrections Officer and a Newburgh Reserve Officer.

Photo: (l-r) Chief of Police Brett Sprinkle; Alonzo B. Moore, Police Commission; Anne Rust Aurand, Police Commission; Officer Lindsey Bean; Bill Kavanaugh, Police Commission President; Tonya R. McGuire, Council 1st Vice President; R. Thomas Bodkin, Town Attorney.

FEMA Assists with Spring Flood Damage Repairs

FEMA paperwork is completed and repairs to the Old Lock & Dam property and the Jefferson and Water Street storm water outfall will begin late this fall and into early spring. At the Old Lock & Dam facility, drainage improvements and earthwork associated with those improvements will be completed. The concrete and asphalt entries to the Lockmaster Cottages that failed due to the saturated soils will be replaced. It is hopeful the work will be completed and the cottages open for rentals in late spring.



Photo Above: Senator Richard Lugar and State Senator Vaneta Becker visit damage sites in Newburgh and assist the Town in securing federal financial assistance for disaster repairs.



Jefferson Street Outfall

At Jefferson and Water Street, the storm water outfall pipe will be replaced and the drainage way secured with rip rap. Both of these projects include mitigation measures to help ensure no future damage or failures.

*Tonya R. McGuire, Park Commissioner
William F. Kavanaugh, Storm Water Board*

Town Re-applies for Grant for Westside Storm Water Project

Neighborhoods on the west side of Newburgh including Maple Lane, Windsor Pointe, and Knob Hill have been experiencing significant drainage issues during rain events over the last several years. Fifty Newburgh citizens attended the public hearing in September in support of this project. The Town has applied for funding to remedy this problem through the Office of Community and Rural Affairs (OCRA). Funding for these types of projects has been cut by 17% state wide, but the Town has remained persistent in its application. The Town will receive word on this round's application in December 2011. If approved, construction of an improved drainage system will begin in June 2012.

William F. Kavanaugh, Storm Water Board

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www.newburgh-in.gov

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Return Service Requested

**Tuesday, November 8
Newburgh Town Council Election
Voting locations for Town of Newburgh residents**

Ohio 3 vote at Newburgh Senior Center, 529 Jefferson Street

Ohio 4 and Ohio 22 vote at American Legion, Kapperman Post, 711 State Street

Ohio 20 and Ohio 33 vote at Masonic Temple, 720 Filmore Street

A government issued photo ID is required in order to be able to vote. The ID must have the voter's photo, name, and an expiration date. In most cases, an Indiana driver's license, Indiana photo ID card, military ID or U.S. passport is sufficient. For more information, please call the Warrick County Voter Registration Office at 897.6161.

